

## **Washington State Health Care Authority**

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## **Notice of Contract Termination**

Dear Uniform Medical Plan Network Provider:

Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) is terminating all contracts with professional providers and non-hospital based skilled nursing facilities, home health providers, hospice facilities and ambulatory surgical centers effective December 31, 2010 to coincide with new contractual arrangements with Regence BlueShield as the new UMP Third Party Administrator effective January 1, 2011.

The services provided to UMP by Regence BlueShield will include the use of their professional provider and non-hospital based facilities network. For the time being the Health Care Authority (HCA) will continue to hold contracts with Washington State and Idaho border county hospitals separate from the Regence BlueShield contracts with the same hospitals.

Important Note: This letter is being sent only to the contract manager of your network provider agreement. UMP is not sending letters to individual providers, except for those with solo practice contracts. Please notify your professional providers of this contract termination.

Under your current Network Provider Agreement, UMP is required to notify you at least 60 days before the termination of the contract. Please consider this letter as official notification of your contract termination without cause.

For questions about becoming a Regence network provider, billing issues, and why UMP has contracted with Regence, see the enclosed <u>frequently asked questions</u>. Check the UMP website at **www.ump.hca.wa.gov** for further updates. For questions regarding your current contract with UMP, call our Provider Services line at 1-800-292-8092.

Thank you for being part of the UMP network. We recognize you have consistently provided high-quality care and customer service to our enrollees over the years. For those who will continue to serve UMP members as part of the Regence BlueShield network, we look forward to your continuing relationship with our members.

Sincerely,

John Williams

**Deputy Administrator** 

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Enclosure